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MARKEY: 'GOP GIVES TWO LUMPS OF COAL TO JOBLESS'

Washington, DC: Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, today issued the following statement in response to the House Republican leadership's refusal to extend federal unemployment benefits:

"It's outrageous that Republicans in the House have refused to extend the unemployment benefits of hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to find jobs. Before adjourning for the year, the House Republican leadership could have brought to a vote the three-month extension of federal unemployment benefits that the Senate has already approved. Instead, the GOP turned its back on jobless workers, letting federal benefits expire just in time for the December holiday season. The GOP's recent actions make their priorities crystal clear: Load the homeland security bill with special favors for corporations, but ignore the economic security of workers on the verge of exhausting their unemployment benefits. In the GOP Congress, it's lavish gifts for companies, two lumps of coal for job seekers."

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